

TITLE

A FILTER LAYER FOR A DISPLAY, A METHOD OF PREPARING A FILTER LAYER FOR A DISPLAY AND A DISPLAY INCLUDING A FILTER LAYER

CLAIM OF PRIORITY

[0001] This application makes reference to, incorporates the same herein, and claims all benefits accruing under 35 U.S.C. §119 from our application *A FILTER FOR A DISPLAY, A METHOD FOR PREPARING THE SAME AND A DISPLAY COMPRISING THE SAME* filed with the Korean Industrial Property Office on 6 February 2001 and there duly assigned Serial No. 5718/2001.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

[0002] The present invention is related to a filter layer for displays, a method of preparing the same and displays including the same and, more particularly, to a light absorbing filter layer for improving contrast and color coordinate ranges of displays, a method of preparing the same and displays including the same.

Description of the Related Art

[0003] A cathode ray tube (further referred to as CRT) is one of the present major image displays. As large display and high-resolution televisions are in demand, a light and thin flat panel display

1 (FPD) with improved brightness has been developed actively. Examples of the FPD, are a liquid
2 crystal display (LCD), an electroluminescent display (ELD), a field emitter display (FED), a plasma
3 display panel (PDP) and so on.

4 [0004] The CRT is a display for color images that emits stripe-type or dot-type red (R), green (G)
5 and blue (B) phosphors of a phosphor screen on which the electron beams radiated from an electron
6 gun collide. The phosphor screen is prepared by forming phosphor layers between light-absorbing
7 black matrix layers on a face panel.

8 [0005] Fig. 1 illustrates a partial cross-sectional view of the face panel with a coated phosphor
9 layer of a conventional CRT. A conventional CRT, as illustrated in Fig. 1, for example, includes two
10 sources of visible light coming out of the face panel. One is a light L1 emitted from phosphors
11 (R,G,B) when electron beams impinge on them. The other is external ambient light reflected from
12 the face panel 10. The reflected light has in turn two components depending on where the incident
13 external light is reflected. A first component L2 is reflected light on the surface of the face panel 10.
14 A second component L3 is the light that passes the face panel 10 and then is reflected off at the
15 interface of the phosphor screen 2 and the inner surface of the face panel 10.

16 [0006] As the CRT is designed to emit light at only predetermined wavelengths and to display a
17 color image by a selective combination of these predetermined wavelengths, the ambient light
18 reflected from the face panel has a uniform continuous spectrum and has different wavelengths from
19 the predetermined wavelengths, thus degrading the contrast of a CRT.

20 [0007] Fig. 2 illustrates spectral luminescence curves of P22 phosphor materials commonly used
21 in the art. Blue phosphor ZnS:Ag, green phosphor ZnS:Au,Cu,Al and red phosphor Y₂O₃:Eu have

1 their peak wavelengths curves 21 to 23 of Fig. 2 at 450 nm, 540 nm and 630 nm, respectively.

2 [0008] The light components L2 and L3, reflected from external ambient light have relatively
3 higher illumination between these peaks 21 to 23 of Fig. 2, since their spectral distribution is
4 continuous across all the visible wavelengths. The spectrum of light emitted from the blue and green
5 phosphor has relatively broad bandwidths and thus some of wavelengths, from 450 nm to 550 nm,
6 are overlapped with each other. The spectrum of red phosphor has undesirable side bands around
7 580 nm, at which wavelength the luminous efficiency is high. Therefore, selective absorption of
8 light in the overlapping wavelengths between blue and green phosphor at and around 450 nm to 550
9 nm would greatly improve color purity of a CRT without sacrificing the luminescence efficiency of
10 phosphors.

11 [0009] Also, because absorption of light around 580 nm makes the body color of a CRT appear
12 bluish, external ambient light around 410 nm is preferably made to be absorbed in order to
13 compensate for the bluish appearance.

14 [0010] Efforts have been made to find a way to selectively absorb light around 580 nm, 500 nm
15 and 410 nm in order to provide a CRT with improved brightness. For example, U.S. Patent Nos.
16 5,200,667 to Iwasaki *et al.*, 5,315,209 to Iwasaki and 5,218,268 to Matsuda *et al.* disclose forming
17 a film including dyes or pigments that selectively absorb light on a surface of the outer surface of
18 the phosphor screen. Alternatively, a plurality of transparent oxide layers having different refractive
19 index and thickness have been coated on the outer surface of a face panel to take advantage of their
20 light interference for the purpose of reducing ambient light reflection. However, there is also a need
21 to reduce light reflected at the phosphor layer and at the inner surface of face panel.

1 [0011] In relation to the problem as described above, U.S. Patent Nos. 4,019,905 to Tomita *et al.*,
2 4,132,919 to Maple and 5,627,429 to Iwasaki, relate to an intermediate layer including organic or
3 inorganic pigments or dyes with absorbability of light at predetermined wavelengths that is coated
4 between the inner surface of the face panel and the phosphor layer. While such technique can be
5 advantageous with respect to application of a manufacturing process of a CRT, the dyes and
6 pigments used in the intermediate layer typically have a broad absorption wavelength and, thus, a
7 contrast of a CRT generally does not improve significantly.

8 [0012] Also, U.S. Patent Nos. 5,068,568 to de Vrieze *et al.* and 5,179,318 to Maeda *et al.* disclose
9 an intermediate layer including layers of a high refractive index and a low refractive index alternately
10 between the inner surface of the face panel and the phosphor layer. Further, a method of forming
11 a corresponding filter layer on a RGB phosphor layer is described in *SOCIETY OF INFORMATION*
12 *AND DISPLAY DIGEST*, “5.1 Invited Paper: “Microfilter”™ Color CRT”, Itou *et al.*, 1995 pages
13 25-27. However, this method typically needs additional equipment and a modification of the
14 manufacturing process, since coating, light exposing and developing processes for the corresponding
15 filter layer are typically further conducted compared to a conventional technique.

16 [0013] Additionally, U.S. Patent No. 6,090,473 to Yoshikawa *et al.* disclose a plasma display
17 panel including a face panel to which a glass plate or film is adhered so as to improve contrast and
18 shield an electron wave.

19 **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

20 [0014] An objective of the present invention is to provide a filter layer to improve contrast of a

1 display by absorbing light in the overlapping wavelengths among red (R), green (G) and blue (B)
2 phosphors.

3 [0015] It is another object of the present invention to provide a method of preparing a filter layer
4 of a display.

5 [0016] It is a further object of the present invention to provide a display including a filter layer.

6 [0017] The above and other objects of the present invention can be achieved by a filter layer for
7 a display including oxide particles and nano-sized metal particulates adhered to a surface of the
8 oxide particles. A surface plasma resonance (SPR) phenomenon is triggered at the interface of the
9 oxide/metal to selectively absorb light with predetermined wavelengths.

10 [0018] Also, to achieve the above and other objects of the present invention, the present invention
11 provides a method of preparing a filter layer including the steps of: a) dispersing an oxide in water
12 to form an oxide sol; b) adding a metal salt, a reducing agent, and a dispersing agent to an organic
13 solvent to prepare a metal colloid solution; c) mixing the oxide sol with the metal colloid solution
14 to prepare a coating solution with metal colloid of the metal colloid solution being dispersed in the
15 oxide sol; d) applying the coating solution on a face panel to form a filter layer; and e) drying the
16 filter layer at room temperature.

17 [0019] Further, the present invention provides a display including the filter layer prepared by the
18 above described method of preparing a filter layer.

19 **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

20 [0020] A more complete appreciation of the invention, and many of the attendant advantages

1 thereof, will be readily apparent as the same becomes better understood by reference to the following
2 detailed description when considered in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which like
3 reference numerals indicate the same or similar components, and wherein:

4 [0021] Fig. 1 illustrates a partial cross-sectional view of a conventional CRT face panel;

5 [0022] Fig. 2 is a graph showing spectral luminescence distributions of conventional phosphors;

6 [0023] Fig. 3 illustrates a cross-sectional view of a CRT face panel according to an embodiment
7 of the present invention;

8 [0024] Figs. 4A and 4B are a partial cross-sectional views of a CRT face panel according to
9 respective embodiments of the present invention of the CRT face panel of Fig. 3;

10 [0025] Fig. 5 is a partial cross-sectional view of a filter layer of a CRT face panel according to the
11 present invention;

12 [0026] Fig. 6 is a partial cross-sectional view of a CRT face panel according to another
13 embodiment of the present invention;

14 [0027] Fig. 7 is a partial cross-sectional view of a CRT face panel according to another
15 embodiment of the present invention;

16 [0028] Fig. 8 is a partial cross-sectional view of a CRT face panel according to another
17 embodiment of the present invention;

18 [0029] Fig. 9 is a partial cross-sectional view of a CRT face panel according to another
19 embodiment of the present invention;

20 [0030] Fig. 10 is a partial cross-sectional view of a CRT face panel according to another
21 embodiment of the present invention;

1 [0031] Fig. 11 is a partially exploded perspective view of a PDP according to an embodiment of
2 the present invention;

3 [0032] Fig 12. is a partial cross-sectional view of a PDP according to the embodiment of the
4 present invention of Fig. 11;

5 [0033] Fig. 13 is a partially exploded perspective view of a PDP according to another embodiment
6 of the present invention;

7 [0034] Fig. 14 is a partial cross-sectional view of a PDP according to the embodiment of the
8 present invention of Fig. 13;

9 [0035] Fig. 15 is a partial cross-sectional view of a PDP according to another embodiment of the
10 present invention;

11 [0036] Fig. 16 is a partial cross-sectional view of a PDP according to another embodiment of the
12 present invention;

13 [0037] Fig. 17 is a partial cross-sectional view of a PDP according to another embodiment of the
14 present invention;

15 [0038] Fig. 18 is a graph of a spectral transmission distribution of a filter containing CRT
16 according to the embodiment of the present invention of Fig. 4A, for example;

17 [0039] Fig. 19 is a graph of a spectral transmission distribution of a filter containing CRT
18 according to the embodiment of the present invention of Fig. 6, for example; and

19 [0040] Fig. 20 is a graph of a spectral transmission distribution of a filter containing PDP
20 according to the embodiment of the present invention of Figs. 11 and 12, for example.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0041] Fig.1 illustrates a partial cross-sectional view of the face panel 10 with a coated phosphor layer or phosphor screen 2 of a conventional CRT. The phosphor screen 2 includes a black matrix 20, a phosphor layer 30 and a metal reflection layer 40. There are two sources of visible light coming out of the face panel 10. One is a light L1 emitted from phosphors of the phosphor layer 30 when electron beams impinge on them. The other is external ambient light reflected from the face panel 10. The reflected light has in turn two components depending on where the incident external light is reflected. A first component L2 is reflected light on the surface of the face panel 10. A second component L3 is the light that passes the face panel 10 and then is reflected at the interface of the phosphor screen and the inner surface of the face panel 10.

[0042] As the CRT is designed to emit light at only predetermined wavelengths and to display a color image by a selective combination of these predetermined wavelengths, the ambient light reflected from the face panel 10 has a uniform continuous spectrum, and has different wavelengths from the predetermined wavelengths, thus degrading the contrast of a CRT.

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1 are overlapped with each other. The spectrum of red phosphor has undesirable side bands around
2 580 nm, at which wavelength the luminous efficiency is high. Therefore, selective absorption of
3 light in the overlapping wavelengths between blue and green phosphor at 450 nm to 550 nm and
4 around 580 nm would greatly improve color purity of a CRT without sacrificing the luminescence
5 efficiency of phosphors.

6 [0045] Also, because absorption of light around 580 nm makes the body color of a CRT appear
7 bluish, external ambient light around 410nm is preferably made to be absorbed in order to
8 compensate for the bluish appearance.

9 [0046] A filter layer of the present invention including oxide particles and nano-sized metal
10 particulates adhered to a surface of the oxide particles. A surface plasma resonance (SPR)
11 phenomenon is induced at the interface of the oxide/metal to selectively absorb light with
12 predetermined wavelengths.

13 [0047] The metal of the nano-sized metal particulates is selected from the group consisting of a
14 transition metal, an alkali metal, an alkali earth metal, and mixtures thereof. Examples of the metal
15 are Au, Ag, Pd, Pt, Cu, Ni, Sb, Sn, Zn, Zr, Se, Cr, Al, Ti, Ge, Fe, W, Pb or mixtures thereof. Among
16 them, Au, Ag, Pd, Pt or mixtures thereof is preferable since these metals are capable of absorbing
17 visible light.

18 [0048] As the oxide of the oxide particles, silica, titania, zirconia, alumina or mixtures thereof are
19 preferably used. According to one example of the present invention, preferred combinations, are
20 silica/titania, alumina/zirconia, and alumina/titania in a mole ratio of 0.1-2.0/8.0-9.9, respectively.

1 [0049] A method of preparing a filter layer of the present invention includes: a) dispersing an
2 oxide in water to form an oxide sol; b) adding a metal salt, a reducing agent, and a dispersing agent
3 to an organic solvent to prepare a metal colloid solution; c) mixing the oxide sol with the metal
4 colloid solution to prepare a coating solution with metal colloid being dispersed in the oxide sol; d)
5 applying the coating solution on a face panel to form a filter layer; and e) drying the filter layer at
6 room temperature.

7 [0050] In the above step b), the metal salt used in preparation of metal colloid solution can be a
8 halide, a nitrate or the like of a metal selected from the group consisting of a transition metal, an
9 alkali metal, an alkali earth metal, and mixtures thereof, for example. Preferred examples of the
10 metal salt are HAuCl₄, NaAuCl₄, AuCl₃, AgNO₃ and the like.

11 [0051] An organic or inorganic reducing agent can be used as the reducing agent. Hydrazine
12 (H₂N₂), sodium borohydride (NaBH₄), alcohol amine and so on, preferably, for example, can be used.
13 The reducing agent can be added in a mole ratio of 0.1-100 on the basis of the metal colloid solution.

14 [0052] As the dispersing agent, an oligomer or a polymer organic compound can be used and is
15 exemplified by polyvinylbutyral (PVB), polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP), or polyvinylalcohol (PVA).

16 [0053] In a conventional process, an alkoxide is dispersed in an alcohol solvent to form an
17 alkoxide sol, a metal salt is added to the alkoxide sol to prepare a coating solution, and the coating
18 solution is applied on a face panel. In this process, sintering the filter layer at an elevated
19 temperature is typically required before forming the phosphor layer. Through the thermal treatment
20 of the sintering process, the metal salt is reduced to metal by pyrolysis and an alkoxide gel layer
21 becomes a denser oxide layer. Additional explosion proof equipment is typically required because

1 of the alcohol solvent. In this regard, using water instead of alcohol as a solvent has been researched,
2 but it can be difficult to prepare a coating solution including water as a main component, since
3 alkoxide hydrolyzes fast and is immiscible with water.

4 [0054] In the present invention, after the metal salt, the reducing agent, and the dispersing agent
5 are added to an organic solvent, such as alcohol, to prepare a metal colloid in a reduced state as a
6 metal particulate precursor, the metal colloid is mixed with an oxide sol dispersed in water to prepare
7 a coating solution, and the coating solution is applied on a face panel and dried to form a filter layer.
8 The filter layer is prepared through only a drying process without a heat-treatment process and
9 explosion proof equipment is advantageously not required.

10 [0055] The filter layer of the present invention includes oxide particles and nano-sized metal
11 particulates adhered to a surface of the oxide particles. A surface plasma resonance (SPR)
12 phenomenon is induced at the interface of the oxide/metal to selectively absorb light with
13 predetermined wavelengths. Surface plasma resonance (SPR) is a phenomenon where electrons on
14 the surface of the nano-sized metal particulates adhering to the surface of oxide particles resonate
15 in response to an electric field and absorb light in a particular bandwidth. See, for example, "*Optical*
16 *Nonlinearities of Small Metal Particles: Surface-mediated Resonance and Quantum Size Effects*",
17 Hache *et al.*, J. Opt. Soc. Am. B vol.3, No.12/Dec. 1986, pp 1647-1655, for details in this regard.

18 [0056] The filter layer applied on a face panel of a display absorbs light with overlapping
19 wavelengths among RGB phosphors to improve contrast of the display by inducing a SPR
20 phenomenon at the interface of the oxide/metal. For example, the filter formed on a face panel of
21 a CRT improves contrast of a CRT by absorbing light selectively with overlapping wavelengths

1 among RGB phosphors and wavelengths around 580 nm, and by reducing reflection at an inner or
2 an outer surface of a face panel.

3 [0057] The absorption intensity and the absorption peak wavelength depend on at least one factor
4 selected from the group consisting of kinds or types, contents and size of metals, and kinds or types
5 and contents of oxides. For example, for gold (Au), silver (Ag) and copper (Cu) particulates less
6 than 100 nm in diameter adhered to silica, light is absorbed around the wavelengths of 530 nm, 410
7 nm and 580 nm, respectively. With platinum (Pt) or palladium (Pd) the light absorption spectrum
8 is rather broad from 380 nm to 800 nm depending on the kind of oxide. Accordingly, a particular
9 wavelength absorbed depends on the kind or type of oxide, i.e., its refractive index, a kind or type
10 of metal and a size of such metal particulates. It is known that the refractive index of silica, alumina,
11 zirconia and titania are 1.52, 1.76, 2.2 and 2.5-2.7, respectively.

12 [0058] In the present invention, the metal particulates are nano-sized particulates desirably within
13 the range of above 1 nm and less than 10 nm. However, for the present invention, “nano-sized” is
14 defined from several nanometers to hundreds of nanometers. In other words, a “nano-sized
15 particulate” is a particulate greater than 1 nanometer but less than 1 micrometer in diameter.
16 Generally, as the size of metal particulates increase until it reaches 100 nm, its absorption intensity
17 tends to increase. Above 100 nm, as the size increases the absorption peak moves toward long
18 wavelengths. Accordingly, the size of the metal particulates affects both the absorption intensity and
19 the absorption peak wavelength.

20 [0059] The absorption intensity is also maximized by controlling the number of the metal
21 particulates (contents of the metal particulates) or the contact efficiency between the metal

1 particulates and the oxide particles, as well as the size of the metal particulates. Accordingly, the
2 absorption intensity depends on the size and contents of the metal particulates. Additionally, the
3 amount of oxide that is added as a second oxide has an effect on the absorption intensity.

4 [0060] In the present invention, a preferred amount of metal particulates is 0.001 to 0.5 mole
5 percent (%) on the basis of oxide particles. When the amount of the metal particulates falls within
6 this range, the desired light absorption peak wavelength and absorption intensity can be obtained.

7 [0061] For example, a filter with gold (Ag) particulates and silica particles has an absorption peak
8 at 530 nm. This filter can be made to absorb light around 580 nm by the following methods. One
9 method is to add a second oxide material, such as titania, alumina or zirconia, for example, having
10 a greater refractive index than silica so that its absorption peak moves toward a longer wavelength.
11 An amount of the added oxide material as a second component will determine the absorption
12 intensity. The intensity of an absorption peak should be set taking into account the transmission
13 efficiency of a glass panel and the density of the filter. Generally, it is preferable that the shapes of
14 the absorption peaks are sharp and the absorption intensity is large. A second method is to increase
15 the size of the metal (gold) particulates without addition of a second oxide material. When a coating
16 solution where metal colloids are dispersed in an oxide sol is applied on a surface of the glass panel
17 and a coating filter layer is formed through a sol-gel process, the metal particulates are coated and
18 adhered to the surface of an oxide particle. The size of the metal particulates can be controlled by
19 varying the kinds, or types, or amounts of a reducing agent. For instance, the more the reducing
20 agent, or the stronger reducing power added, the particulates become larger.

21 [0062] For example, a filter with Au/titania-alumina or Au/zirconia-alumina has an intensive

1 absorption peak at 575 nm. This absorption peak corresponding to a bandwidth between green and
2 red phosphor has a high luminous efficiency and can improve the contrast and color purity of a
3 display. In addition, a metal/oxide combination that absorbs light around a 580 nm wavelength can
4 contain metal particulates that are capable of absorbing light of a 410 nm wavelength, since the light
5 around 410 nm is preferably further absorbed in order to compensate for a bluish appearance.

6 [0063] A filter layer with a metal and an oxide combination as in the present invention can
7 improve the contrast and color purity by being applied to various displays, such as a CRT or FPD,
8 for example, according to the optical characteristics and the manufacturing process of the display.
9 The filter layers of the present invention can contain more than two kinds of metals or oxides with
10 differing absorption peak wavelengths. A plurality of the filter layers with differing absorption peak
11 wavelengths can also be formed according to the present invention.

12 [0064] Preferred embodiments of the present invention will now be described in detail with
13 reference to the accompanying drawings, particularly Figs. 3 through 20, with a same numeral in the
14 drawings denoting the same element throughout the specification.

15 [0065] In one preferred embodiment, the filter layer is formed on the inner surface of a face panel
16 10 of a CRT A1, and such embodiment is shown in Fig. 3. As illustrated in the drawing of Fig. 3,
17 the CRT A1 includes a face panel 10 defining a front exterior of the CRT A1, and a funnel 14 joined
18 to the face panel 10 to define a rear exterior of the CRT A1. The face panel 10 includes a display
19 portion 11 defining a distal end of the face panel 10 and a curved lateral wall 12 that extends from
20 the display portion 11 toward the funnel 14 having an end joined to the funnel 14. The funnel 14
21 includes a neck 16 which is formed on an end of the funnel 14 opposite to the end joined to the face

1 panel 10, and an electron gun 18 disposed within the neck 16 of the funnel 14.

2 [0066] Continuing with reference to Fig. 3, a phosphor screen 2 is formed on an inner surface of
3 the display portion 11 of the face panel 10. The phosphor screen 2 includes a black matrix layer 20,
4 made of a light-absorbing graphite compound, and a phosphor layer 30 including red (R), green (G)
5 and blue (B) phosphor pixels, and a metal reflection layer 40 (see Figs. 4A-10). A mask frame 4a
6 is attached to the lateral wall 12, and a shadow mask 4 is connected to the mask frame 4a to be
7 suspended substantially parallel to and at a predetermined distance from the phosphor screen 2.

8 [0067] The electron gun 18 radiates red (R), green (G) and blue (B) electron beams 22 in a
9 direction toward the face panel 10. The RGB electron beams 22 are controlled by image signals such
10 that the beams are deflected to specific pixels by an electrical field generated by a deflection yoke
11 19. The deflection yoke 19 is disposed on an outer circumference of the funnel 14. The deflected
12 electron beams 22 pass through apertures 4b of the shadow mask 4 to land on specific RGB
13 phosphor pixels of the phosphor screen 2 such that a color selection of the electron beams 22 by the
14 shadow mask 4 is realized. Accordingly, the RGB phosphors of the phosphor screen 2 are
15 illuminated for the display of color images.

16 [0068] Fig. 4A illustrates a partial cross-sectional view of a CRT, such as CRT A1 of Fig. 3, of
17 the present invention, including: a face panel 10; at least one filter layer 50a, formed on the inner
18 surface 10a of the face panel 10, filter layer 50a including nano-sized minute metal particulates
19 adhered to a surface of oxide particles, the filter layer 50a providing at least one selective absorption
20 peak for light at a predetermined wavelength of light by the induction of the surface plasma
21 resonance (SPR) phenomenon at the interface between the metal particulates and the oxide particles;

1 and a phosphor layer 30 formed on the at least one filter layer 50a.

2 [0069] Fig. 4B illustrates a partial cross-sectional view of a CRT, such as CRT A1 of Fig. 3, of
3 another embodiment of the present invention where the black matrix layer 20 is formed prior to
4 coating of a filter layer 50a' having the same or similar characteristics as filter layer 50a of Fig. 4A.

5 In other words, the filter layer 50a or 50a' is formed before or after black matrix layer 20 is patterned
6 among the red, green and blue phosphors. This embodiment of Fig. 4b illustrates that when the

7 black matrix layer 20 is formed is not critical in the present invention. An intermediate layer can be
8 disposed on the red, green and blue phosphor layers to flatten the same, as necessary.

9 [0070] Fig. 5 illustrates the structure of a filter layer 50a according to the present invention
10 including nano-sized minute metal particulates 1 adhered to a surface 3a of oxide particles 3.

11 A surface resonance phenomenon (SPR) occurs at the corresponding interfaces 3b between the metal
12 particulates 1 and the oxide particles 3 to selectively absorb light at least at one predetermined
13 wavelength of light. The filter layers of the present invention described before and hereinafter
14 described have the same or similar structures as that illustrated in Fig. 5.

15 [0071] Also, the filter layer 50a or 50a' on the inner surface 10a of the face panel 10 can include
16 more than two kinds of metals and oxides with differing absorption peak wavelengths for light.

17 [0072] Further, a plurality of the filter layers can be formed in the present invention. Fig. 6
18 illustrates a partial cross-sectional view of a CRT, such as CRT A1 of Fig. 3, of such embodiment
19 including a plurality of filter layers 50, such as the two filter layers 50a and 50b of Fig. 6. Each of
20 the filter layers 50a, 50b can be different in terms of at least one factor selected from the group
21 consisting of the sizes and kinds, or types, of the metal particulates and the kinds, or types, and

1 contents of the oxide particles, such that ambient light of more than two different wavelength ranges,
2 around 580 nm, and around 500 nm or 410 nm for example, can be absorbed. One of the filter layers
3 50a, 50b can provide an absorption peak for light at 580 nm while the other filter layer 50a, 50b can
4 provide an absorption peak for light at 500 nm or 410 nm, for example. The order in which a
5 plurality of different filter layers 50a, 50b is layered does not matter, so that the order of the filter
6 layers 50a, 50b can be switched. While Fig. 6 only shows two layers of filter layers 50a, 50b, more
7 than two filter layers can be employed for absorbing an additional wavelength or wavelengths of
8 light according to the present invention.

9 [0073] In another preferred embodiment of the present invention, the filter layer is formed on an
10 outer surface of face panel of a CRT, and such embodiment is illustrated in Fig. 7.

11 [0074] Fig. 7 is a partial cross-sectional view of a CRT, such as CRT A1 of Fig. 3, including: a
12 face panel 10; at least one filter layer 50c, formed on an outer surface 10b of the face panel 10, the
13 filter layer 50c including nano-sized minute metal particulates adhered to a surface of oxide particles,
14 the filter layer 50c providing at least one selective absorption peak for light at a predetermined
15 wavelength of light by the induction of a surface plasma resonance (SPR) phenomenon at the
16 interface between the metal particulates and the oxide particles; and a phosphor layer 30 formed on
17 the inner surface 10a of the face panel 10. The filter layer 50c with minute metal particulates
18 adhered to the surface of the oxide particles reduces light reflection on the outer surface 10b of the
19 face panel 10.

20 [0075] The filter layer 50c of Fig. 7 on the outer surface 10b of the face panel 10 can include more
21 than two kinds of metals and oxides with differing absorption peak wavelengths for light. Also,

1 more than two filter layers can be applied on the outer surface 10b of the face panel 10, respectively
2 including absorption peaks at different wavelengths of light, similar to the plurality of filter layers
3 50a, 50b of Fig. 6.

4 [0076] Fig. 8 illustrates a cross-sectional view of a CRT, such as CRT A1 of Fig. 3, according to
5 an embodiment of the present invention, including a face panel 10 with a conductive film 51 for
6 preventing static disposed on the outer surface 10b of the face panel 10 between the face panel 10
7 and the filter layer 50c. A protective layer or anti-reflection layer can be formed on the conductive
8 film 51. Generally, the conductive film 51 includes indium tin oxides (ITO) and the anti-reflection
9 layer is made of silica. According to the present invention, minute metal particles are added to a
10 silica sol prior to forming of the silica anti-reflection layer. Thus, the anti-reflection layer
11 advantageously serves an extra function of selective light absorption.

12 [0077] In another preferred embodiment of the present invention, the filter layer is formed on both
13 the inner and outer surfaces of a face panel of a CRT, and such embodiment is illustrated in Fig. 9.

14 [0078] Fig. 9 is a partial cross-sectional view of a CRT according to the present invention, such
15 as CRT A1 of Fig. 3, including: a face panel 10; at least one of a first filter layer 50a, formed on the
16 inner surface 10a of the face panel 10; at least one of a second filter layer 50c, formed on or over the
17 outer surface 10b of the face panel 10; and a phosphor layer 30, formed on the first filter layer 50a.
18 The first filter layer 50a and second filter layer 50c include nano-sized minute metal particulates
19 adhered to a surface of oxide particles, and the filter layers 50a, 50c respectively provide at least one
20 selective absorption peak for light at a predetermined wavelength of light by the induction of a
21 surface plasma resonance (SPR) phenomenon at the interface between the metal particulates and the

1 oxide particles. Also, a conductive film 51 for preventing static can also be disposed between the
2 outer surface 10b of the face panel 10 and the filter layer 50c.

3 [0079] Also, the filter layers 50a, 50c on the surface of the face panel 10 can include more than
4 two kinds of metals and oxides with differing absorption peak wavelengths for light. As shown in
5 the partial-cross sectional view of a CRT, such as CRT A1 of Fig. 3, according to the present
6 invention of Fig. 10, a plurality of or more than two filter layers 50a, 50b, 50c, 50d can be applied
7 on or over the respective inner surface 10a and outer surface 10b of the face panel 10, providing
8 absorption peaks for light respectively at different wavelengths of light. The filter layer 50c on the
9 outer surface 10b of the face panel 10 can serve as an anti-reflection layer. A conductive film 51 for
10 preventing static can be disposed between the outer surface 10b of the face panel 10 and the filter
11 layer 50c, for example, as illustrated in Fig. 10.

12 [0080] The filter layer or filter layers of the present invention can also be applied to other types
13 of displays, such as to a DC (direct current) type or AC (alternating current) type plasma display
14 panel (PDP).

15 [0081] In another preferred embodiment of the present invention, the filter layer is formed on a
16 front substrate of a PDP. Fig. 11 illustrates a partially exploded perspective view of such embodiment
17 according to the present invention and Fig. 12 illustrates a cross-sectional view of the embodiment
18 of Fig. 11.

19 [0082] Continuing with reference to Figs. 11 and 12, the PDP B1 of Figs. 11 and 12 includes: a
20 rear substrate 60 including a plurality of address electrodes 70 disposed on rear substrate, and a first
21 dielectric layer 80a disposed on the rear substrate 60 and covering the address electrodes 70; spacers

1 100 located on the first dielectric layer 80a between the address electrodes 70 to create a discharge
2 space or discharge spaces 100a, phosphor layers 90 formed on the first dielectric layer 80a in the
3 corresponding discharge space or spaces 100a; a front substrate 61 including a plurality of scan
4 electrodes 71 and common electrodes 72 disposed on the front substrate 61 in a direction transverse
5 to the address electrodes 70; a filter layer 52 disposed on the front substrate 61 and covering the scan
6 electrodes 71 and common electrodes 72, the filter layer 52 including nano-sized minute metal
7 particulates adhered to a surface of oxide particles and the filter layer 52 providing at least one
8 selective absorption for light peak at a predetermined wavelength of light by the induction of a
9 surface plasma resonance (SPR) phenomenon at the interface between the metal particulates and the
10 oxide particles; a second dielectric layer 80b disposed on the filter layer 52; and a protective layer
11 110 disposed on the second dielectric layer 80b.

12 [0083] Continuing with reference to Figs. 11 and 12, a discharge gas is filled between the rear
13 substrate 60 and the front substrate 61 in the discharge space or spaces 100a, and the rear substrate
14 60 and the front substrate 61 are sealed with respect to each other. When a pulse is applied to the
15 electrodes, an address discharge occurs between an address electrode 70 on rear substrate 60 and a
16 scan electrode 71 provided on front substrate 61 and a sustained surface-discharge occurs at the scan
17 electrodes 71. Ultraviolet rays are produced by gas discharge to excite phosphors so that visible light
18 is emitted therefrom to perform a display operation by the PDP B1.

19 [0084] The filter layer 52 on the front substrate 61 can include more than two kinds of metals and
20 oxides with differing absorption peak wavelengths for light. Also, a plurality of filter layers 52a, 52b
21 can form the filter layer 52 and can be applied on the surface of the face panel or front substrate 61,

1 respectively providing absorption peaks for light at different wavelengths of light.

2 [0085] In another preferred embodiment of a PDP according to the present invention, a filter layer
3 according to the present invention is formed between second and third dielectric layers on a front
4 substrate of a PDP. Fig. 13 illustrates a partially exploded perspective view of such embodiment of
5 a PDP B2 and Fig. 14 illustrates a cross-sectional view of such embodiment of PDP B2 of Fig. 13.

6 [0086] Referring to Figs. 13 and 14, the PDP B2 includes: a rear substrate 60 including a plurality

7 of address electrodes 70 disposed on the rear substrate 60, and a first dielectric layer 80a disposed
8 on the rear substrate 60 and covering the address electrodes 70; spacers 100 located on the first
9 dielectric layer 80a between the address electrodes 70 to create a discharge space or discharge spaces
10 100a, phosphor layers 90 formed on the first dielectric layer 80a in the discharge space or spaces

11 100a; a front substrate 61 including a plurality of scan electrodes 71 and common electrodes 72

12 disposed on the front substrate 61 in a direction transverse to the address electrodes 70, and a second
13 dielectric layer 80b disposed on the front substrate 61 covering the scan electrodes 71 and common
14 electrodes 72; a filter layer 53 disposed on the second dielectric layer 80b includes nano-sized minute

15 metal particulates adhered to a surface of oxide particles and the filter layer 53 provides at least one
16 selective absorption peak for light at a predetermined wavelength of light by the induction of a
17 surface plasma resonance (SPR) phenomenon at the interface between the metal particulates and the
18 oxide particles; a third dielectric layer 80c disposed on the filter layer 53; and a protective layer 110
19 disposed on the third dielectric layer 80c.

20 [0087] The filter layer 53 between the second dielectric layer 80b and the third dielectric layer 80c
21 can include more than two kinds of metals and oxides with differing absorption peak wavelengths

1 for light. Also, in this regard, Fig. 15 is a cross-sectional view of another embodiment of a PDP B3
2 according to the present invention, similar to PDP B2 of Figs. 13 and 14, and including similar
3 components as described above with respect to PDP B2 of Figs. 13 and 14. However, as illustrated
4 in Fig. 15, a plurality of filter layers 53a, 53b according to the present invention can be applied
5 between the second and third dielectric layers 80b, 80c, providing absorption peaks for light
6 respectively at different wavelengths of light.

7 [0088] In another preferred embodiment of the present invention, a filter layer is formed between
8 a first dielectric layer and a protective layer of a PDP, and such embodiment of the present invention
9 is illustrated in Fig. 16 by a PDP B4.

10 [0089] In this regard, PDP B4 of Fig. 16 is similar in components and structure as described above
11 with respect to PDP B2 of Figs. 13 and 14 except for the third dielectric layer 80c, and Fig. 16 is a
12 cross-sectional view of the PDP B4 that includes a rear substrate 60 including a plurality of address
13 electrodes 70 disposed on rear substrate 60 similar to PDP B2, and a first dielectric layer 80a
14 disposed on the rear substrate 60 and covering the address electrodes 70 similar to PDP B2, spacers
15 100 on the first dielectric layer 80a located between the address electrodes 70 to create a discharge
16 space or discharge spaces 100a; phosphor layers 90 formed on the first dielectric layer 80a in the
17 discharge space or spaces 100a; a front substrate 61 including a plurality of scan electrodes 71 and
18 common electrodes 72 disposed on the front substrate 61 in a direction transverse to the address
19 electrodes 70 similar to PDP B2, and a second dielectric layer 80b disposed on the front substrate
20 61 covering the scan electrodes 71 and common electrodes 72; a filter layer 54 disposed on the
21 second dielectric layer 80b including nano-sized minute metal particulates adhered to a surface of

1 oxide particles and the filter layer 54 providing at least one selective absorption peak for light at a
2 predetermined wavelength of light by the induction of a surface plasma resonance (SPR)
3 phenomenon at the interface between the metal particulates and the oxide particles; and a protective
4 layer 110 disposed on the filter layer 54.

5 [0090] Also, a filter layer or filter layers, such as filter layer 54 of Fig. 16, between the second
6 dielectric layer 80b and the protective layer 110 can include more than two kinds of metals and
7 oxides with differing absorption peak wavelengths. Also, in this regard, Fig. 17 is a cross-sectional
8 view of another embodiment of a PDP B5 according to the present invention, similar in components
9 and structure as described above with respect to PDP B2 of Figs. 13 and 14, except for the third
10 dielectric layer 80c, and PDP B4 of Fig. 16. However, as illustrated in PDP B5 of Fig. 17, a plurality
11 of filter layers 54a, 54b can be applied between the second dielectric layer 80b and the protective
12 layer 110, providing absorption peaks for light respectively at different wavelengths of light.

13 [0091] Further, the filter layer or filter layers of the present invention as described above can serve
14 as an infrared (IR) absorption shielding filter, discharge peak shielding filter, and so forth, for
15 example.

16 [0092] The present invention is further explained in more detail with reference to the following
17 examples. These examples, however, should not in any sense be interpreted as limiting the scope
18 of the present invention.

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EXAMPLES

2 Example 1

3 [0093] 3.9 grams (g) of Al_2O_3 dispersed in water and 0.78 g of TiO_2 dispersed in water were mixed
4 to prepare a solution including with Al_2O_3 / TiO_2 in a mole ratio of 2/10. 15.32 g of water were
5 added to the solution to prepare Al_2O_3 / TiO_2 water-based sol. 0.2 g of HAuCl_4 , 0.025 g of
6 hydrazine, and 0.05 g of polyvinylbutyral were added to 14.57 g of ethanol, agitated and dissolved
7 to prepare a gold colloid solution. 1.60 g of the gold colloid solution were added to the Al_2O_3 / TiO_2
8 water-based sol to obtain the resultant coating solution with 0.035 mole% of gold on the basis of the
9 oxide Al_2O_3 / TiO_2 .

10 [0094] A black matrix layer was formed on a 17-inch CRT face panel, and 20 ml of the coating
11 solution was spin-coated on the face panel while the face panel was spinning at 150 revolutions per
12 minute (rpm). The coated panel was dried at room temperature to form a filter layer. Next, a
13 phosphor layer was formed on the panel in a conventional way. The thus-made panel is illustrated
14 by the embodiment of the present invention of Fig. 4B.

15 Example 2

16 [0095] A CRT face panel was prepared in the same manner as described in Example 1, except that
17 the content of the gold was 0.001 mole % on the basis of the oxide Al_2O_3 / TiO_2 .

1 **Example 3**

2 [0096] A CRT face panel was prepared in the same manner as described in Example 1, except that
3 the content of the gold was 0.2 mole % on the basis of the oxide Al_2O_3 / TiO_2 .

4 **Example 4**

5 [0097] A CRT face panel was prepared in the same manner as described in Example 1, except that
6 HAuCl_4 was replaced by NaAuCl_4 .

7 **Example 5**

8 [0098] A CRT face panel was prepared in the same manner as described in Example 1, except that
9 HAuCl_4 was replaced by AuCl_3 .

10 **Example 6**

11 [0099] A CRT face panel was prepared in the same manner as described in Example 1, except that
12 a Al_2O_3 / ZrO_2 water-based sol was used instead of the Al_2O_3 / TiO_2 water-based sol. The Al_2O_3 /
13 ZrO_2 water-based sol was prepared according the following method. 0.255 g of Al_2O_3 dispersed in
14 water and 5.84 g of ZrO_2 dispersed in water were mixed to prepare a solution including Al_2O_3 / ZrO_2
15 in a mole ratio of 0.5/9.5 and 13.905 g of water were added to the solution.

1 **Example 7**

2 [0100] A CRT face panel was prepared in the same manner as described in Example 1, except that
3 the coating solution was coated on an outer surface of a face panel to form a filter layer. The thus-
4 made panel is illustrated by the embodiment of the present invention of Fig. 7.

5 **Example 8**

6 [0101] A CRT face panel was prepared in the same manner as described in Example 1, except that
7 HAuCl₄ was replaced by NaAuCl₄ and the coating solution was coated on the outer surface of a face
8 panel to form a filter layer.

9 **Example 9**

10 [0102] A CRT face panel was prepared in the same manner as described in Example 1, except that
11 HAuCl₄ was replaced by AuCl₃ and the coating solution was coated on the outer surface of a face
12 panel to form a filter layer.

13 **Example 10**

14 [0103] 2.5 g of indium tin oxide (ITO) having an average particle diameter of 80 nm were
15 dispersed in a solvent consisting of 20 g of methanol, 67.5 g of ethanol and 10 g of n-butanol to
16 prepare an ITO coating solution. 20 ml of the ITO coating solution was spin coated in the same way
17 as in Example 1 and the coating solution prepared according to the Example 1 was additionally spin
18 coated for the purpose of providing an embodiment of the present invention as illustrated in Fig. 8.

1 **Example 11**

2 [0104] A CRT face panel was prepared in the same manner as described in Example 10, except
3 that HAuCl₄ was replaced by NaAuCl₄.

4 **Example 12**

5 [0105] A CRT face panel was prepared in the same manner as described in Example 10, except
6 that HAuCl₄ was replaced by AuCl₃.

7 **Example 13**

8 [0106] A second coating solution was prepared in the same manner as described in Example 1,
9 except that HAuCl₄ was replaced with AgNO₃ and the silver (Ag) content was 0.1 mole %. The
10 coating solution prepared in Example 1 was spin-coated on a surface of a CRT face panel as a first
11 coating solution and the second coating solution was spin-coated in the same way as in Example 1
12 to provide a plurality of filter layers for a display according to the present invention.

13 **Example 14**

14 [0107] The second coating solution prepared in Example 13 was coated on the inner surface of
15 a CRT face panel made in Example 10 for the purpose of providing an embodiment of the present
16 invention as illustrated in Fig. 9.

1 **Example 15**

2 [0108] A CRT face panel was prepared in the same manner as described in Example 1, except that
3 AgNO_3 was used with HAuCl_4 and the silver and the gold contents were 0.035 and 0.1 mole %,
4 respectively, based on the total moles of oxide.

5 **Comparative Example 1**

6 [0109] A CRT face panel was prepared by the same procedure as Example 1 except that a filter
7 layer was not formed.

8 [0110] A CRT including the face panel of Example 1 had an absorption peak at 580 nm as shown
9 in Fig. 18. Cathode ray tubes (CRTs) including the face panel of Examples 2 through 12 each had
10 an absorption peak at 580 nm. CRTs including the face panel of Examples 13 had two main
11 absorption peaks at 580 nm and 410 nm as shown in Fig. 19. Cathode ray tubes (CRTs) including
12 the face panel of Examples 14 and 15 had two main absorption peaks at 580 nm and 410 nm. These
13 absorption peaks illustrate the occurrence of surface plasma resonance at the interface of metal
14 particulates and oxide particles, in the filter layer or filter layers according to the present invention.
15 To the contrary, a CRT including the face panel of Comparative Example 1 had no significant
16 absorption peak.

17 [0111] The contrast of CRTs including the face panels of the above Examples and the above
18 Comparative Example was evaluated under the condition of the following: voltage = E_b = 27.5 kV,
19 current = I_b = 600 μA , color coordinates of 283/298 based on the Internal Commission on

1 Elumination (CIE) chomaticity diagram. The brightness of the CRT including the respective face
2 panels of Examples 1 through 3 and of Comparative Example 1 was measured when power was
3 applied. When the power was turned off and reflections of ambient light were 400 lux and 600 lux,
4 respectively, the brightness was measured and the resulting brightness is illustrated in the following
5 Table 1.

<Table 1>

	Brightness when supplying power (fL)	Brightness at 400 lux (fL)	Brightness at 600 lux (fL)	Relative contrast (%)
Example 1	35.8	0.630	1.02	115
Example 2	35.4	0.637	1.103	112
Example 3	35.7	0.615	0.985	116
Comparative Example 1	35.8	0.7245	1.173	100

12 [0112] The unit 'fL' means foot-Lambert, as a unit of brightness in the above Table 1. As shown
13 in Table 1, the contrast of CRTs according to Examples 1 through 3 increases by more than about
14 12% compared to that of the Comparative Example 1.

15 [0113] The color coordinate range of the CRT according to the above described Example 1
16 according to the present invention was measured to have 644/315 of red and 143/058 of blue based
17 on the International Commission on Elumination (CIE) chomaticity diagram. Such result illustrates
18 an improvement of above 5% compared to that of the conventional CRT.

1 **Example 16**

2 [0114] 1.95 g of Al_2O_3 dispersed in water and 0.78 g of TiO_2 dispersed in water were mixed to
3 prepare a solution including Al_2O_3 / TiO_2 in a mole ratio of 1/10. 17.27 g of water were added to the
4 solution to prepare a Al_2O_3 / TiO_2 water-based sol. 0.2 g of HAuCl_4 , 0.025 g of hydrazine, and 0.05
5 g of polyvinylbutyral were added to 14.57 g of ethanol, agitated and dissolved to prepare a gold
6 colloid solution. 1.60 g of the gold colloid solution were added to the Al_2O_3 / TiO_2 water-based sol
7 to obtain the resultant coating solution with 0.035 mole % of gold on the basis of the oxide Al_2O_3
8 / TiO_2 .

9 [0115] A plurality of scan electrodes and common electrodes were disposed on a front substrate
10 and 20 ml of the coating solution of the Example 16 was spin-coated on the front substrate, while
11 the front substrate was spinning at 150 rpm. The coated front substrate was dried at room
12 temperature to form a filter layer. Next, a dielectric layer and a protective layer were formed in a
13 conventional way. The thus-made coated front substrate is illustrated by the embodiment of the
14 present invention of Figs. 11 and 12.

15 **Example 17**

16 [0116] A front substrate for a PDP was prepared in the same manner as described in Example 16,
17 except that the content of the gold was 0.001 mole % on the basis of the oxide Al_2O_3 / TiO_2 .

18 **Example 18**

19 [0117] A front substrate for a PDP was prepared in the same manner as described in Example 16,

1 except that the content of the gold was 0.2 mole % on the basis of the oxide Al_2O_3 / TiO_2 .

2 **Example 19**

3 [0118] A front substrate for a PDP was prepared in the same manner as described in Example 16,
4 except that HAuCl_4 was replaced by NaAuCl_4 .

5 **Example 20**

6 [0119] A front substrate for a PDP was prepared in the same manner as described in Example 16,
7 except that HAuCl_4 was replaced by AuCl_3 .

8 [0120] A PDP including the front substrate of the above described Example 16 had an absorption
9 peak at 580 nm as illustrated in Fig. 20. Plasma display panels (PDPs) including the front substrate
10 of the above described Examples 17 through 20 each had an absorption peak at 580 nm. This
11 absorption peak illustrates the occurrence of surface plasma resonance (SPR) at the interface of the
12 metal particulates and the oxide particles in a filter layer or filter layers according to the present
13 invention.

14 [0121] The filter layer or filter layers of the present invention absorb light in the overlapping
15 wavelengths among RGB phosphors and thus reduce reflection on the panel for a display. A
16 sintering process advantageously is not required, since a reduced metal and a water-based oxide sol
17 are used. Additional explosion proof equipment is also advantageously not required because the
18 water-based sol is used instead of an alcohol-based sol. A filter layer of the present invention is
19 formed by drying the coated panel at room temperature through a sol-gel process. The absorption

1 intensity and wavelength of a filter layer according to the present inventions can be adjusted by
2 controlling the kind, or type, and contents of a metal and the size of a metal particulate, or the kind,
3 or type, and contents of an oxide, more easily than in a conventional method where dyes or pigments
4 are typically used.

5 [0122] While there have been illustrated and described what are considered to be preferred
6 embodiments of the present invention, it will be understood by those skilled in the art that various
7 changes and modifications may be made, and equivalents may be substituted for elements thereof
8 without departing from the true scope of the present invention. In addition, many modifications may
9 be made to adapt a particular situation to the teaching of the present invention without departing
10 from the scope thereof. Therefore, it is intended that the present invention not be limited to the
11 particular embodiments disclosed as the best mode contemplated for carrying out the present
12 invention, but that the present invention includes all embodiments falling within the scope of the
13 appended claims.